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Believe it or not! Each month, the Rockville Correctional Facility releases approximately 100 offenders back

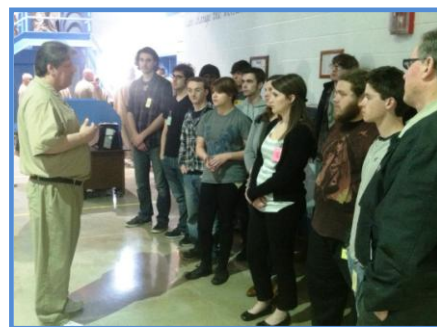


to the community. In addition to providing re-entry programming such as education, assisting with resume writing, obtaining birth certificates and locating substance abuse and medical treatment and a place to live and/or work, the facility also provides clothing for the offender's release.

On Saturday, April 18, 2015, Rockville Correctional Facility received a donation of 32 bags, one tote and two boxes of clothing from the Memorial Presbyterian Church of Rockville. The donation amounted to 565 items of clothing such as jackets, slacks, tops and shoes. RCF Community Services Coordinator, Susie Martin stated that thanks to the giving spirit of Reverend Wendy Olson of the

Rockville Presbyterian Church, this annual clothing drive provides much needed resources for the offender population. The clothing drive was sponsored by the Memorial Presbyterian Church of Rockville and donations were also accepted at the Montezuma and Clinton Presbyterian Churches, all are part of the Trinity Parish. Any clothing not suitable for the needs of the offenders leaving RCF will be donated to the Parke County Food Pantry.

DEEP IN HEART OF HOOSIER COUNTRY: Purdue freshmen are learning more about the world around them, explored life in maximum-security prison, during a stop at the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF). The purpose behind the tour was to get the students to think about their place in and how to become contributing members of society. PLUS (Purposeful Living Units Serve) aide, offender Mitch Swallows, showed the class examples of quilts they make for those in need. He told the students that PLUS participants may be separated



from society but it does not stop them, in their maximum-security world, from giving back through community service. Swallows said the faith and character based program teaches them to think about others and to continue being contributing citizens once they go home.



NO KIDDING! The Logansport juvenile Correctional Facility recently had Llama's Alpaca's and Goats brought into the facility for a presentation about the history, use and care of these animals. Students were also given the opportunity to pet and feed the animals as well.



TOOL BOX FOR TOTS! On April 22, 2015, the Indiana Women's Prison (IWP) and Pendleton Correctional Facility joined together and presented a total of \$5,745.50 to Prevent Child Abuse America/Prevent Child Abuse Indiana. The proceeds will go to supporting efforts to break the cycle of abuse, raise awareness, and provide education to families in need. The ceremony was held in the Pam Cline Memorial Chapel at the Indiana Women's Prison. In addition to the monetary contribution; Pendleton Correctional Facility, Wabash Valley Correctional Facility, and the Indiana Women's Prison presented Prevent Child Abuse America and Prevent Child Abuse Indiana with "tool boxes" (see 3rd attached picture). The

tool boxes contain resources for families and include tools such as a baby journal, activity book, parenting tips, and baby quilts, which were completed by the 3 facilities. "We are pleased to have the opportunity to contribute to such a worthy cause," commented IWP Superintendent Steve McCauley.



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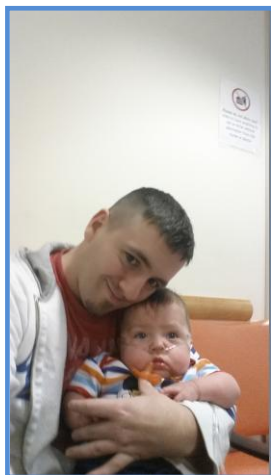
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IDOC EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

"Folks say he not only tamed the West, he brought it to its knees," the grizzly old man told me when asked about one of IDOC's newest employee. "That there feller's name is Jonathon Day and I think he said he's from somewhere out West, maybe Colorado Springs, CO."



And now he's here in Indiana, the Indiana Women's Prison to be exact, where he plans to write another chapter in his book of legends. He's single with no kids which makes him a loner and as we know. "A loner's gotta be alone," excepts when he doesn't want to be alone. Jonathon told me wants to become a police officer one day and figured the IDOC was a good place to develop the necessary skills. He hopes to be on a force in five years or so. He loves the structure of the IDOC and as a man of few words (being from he's from the West), he didn't have any questions for the Commissioner at this time.

Officer Day is best known for his consistency. "We all set our watches by him," stated one supervisor as he watched Jonathon march by. Jonathon spends most of his free time with his family and in true wild west philosophy believes, "You should work hard in order to play hard." Yet for all of the Cowboy/Western/Mountain Man swagger Jonathon says his homemade Fettuccini Alfredo will make you speak Italian for the rest

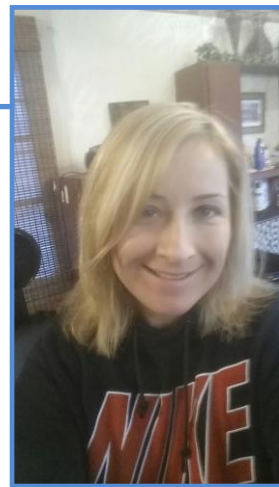
of the night. Again, the Commissioner will need to verify this before it can be certified as true, but as I look around coworkers and offenders alike were nodding their heads.

Finally, one little known fact about Officer Day is that he's an April Fools baby, but don't get it twisted 'cause putting one over on him would be harder than driving a used Prius in the Colorado Mountains during a January snow storm. Yeah it's that tough.

"I had my Bachelor's Degree in Criminology and wanted to make a difference in the lives of others." That's what motivated Helen Corne to join the IDOC two years ago.

The mother of three hails from Terre Haute and can be found making that difference in the lives of offenders at the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility.

Corne served a tour in Iraq as a member of the US Army and while she doesn't have a specific goal in mind within five years, she expects to advance in the Department. Helen spends her free time with her kids and fiancé and makes the best taco soup this side of the Mexican border. Her advice to someone considering a job with the IDOC, "Just show respect for the job."



HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND EVERYONE!



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